P.W.D., ELECTRICITY AND TRANSPORT

830. The demand, collection and balance for the year were Rs. 2,43,76,914 (Rs. 2,20,65,143), Rs. 2,34,15,097 (Rs. 2,17,08,679) and Rs. 31,18,691 (Rs. 21,56,874) respectively.

831. The net receipts from the Department during the year, after meeting working expenses and contribution to the Depreciation Fund, amounted to Rs. 87,98,691 (as against the previous year's figure of Rs. 92,36,998). Out of this, a sum of Rs. 81,48,841 was appropriated towards interest on capital, leaving a net return of only Rs. 6,49,850.

832. The capital expenditure grant for the year was Rs. 2,38,43,391.

833. A sum of Rs. 1,30,800 representing value of obsolete materials and normal losses were written off under Loss on Stores and Working Expenses. The Stores limit of the department was fixed at Rs. 55·91 lakhs at the end of the year. The question of raising the stock limit upto 150 lakhs for the Department was under consideration.

Interruptions.

834. There were 17 unforeseen interruptions lasting for a total period of 4 hours and 55 minutes and 4 pre-arranged shut-downs lasting 20 hours and 31 minutes.

Accidents.

835. There were 47 fatal accidents to persons of whom 11 were departmental employees and the rest outsiders. Deaths due to electrocution was 40 and the rest for other causes and accidents.

836. Power supply to South Canara, Bombay and Andhra State was under consideration.

(iii) Road Transport Department.

837. The department owned 146 buses and one lorry at the beginning of the year. Fifty new buses of four different makes were purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 16 lakhs as the first set of replacement of old buses which had over-lived their fixed life. But the average number of vehicles owned during the year still remained at 149 as against 179 in the previous year.

838. The average number of vehicles on road during the year was 122 as against 114 in the previous year. The average number of miles done per day by each bus in use was 90 (100) miles.

839. Special buses were run on all important State festivals and jathras as usual.

840. At the close of the year 182 routes were being operated covering a daily average mileage of 12,000 miles.

841. The daily average consumption of petrol and diesel oil during the year was 859·03 and 211·85 respectively as against 894·3 and 172·11 in the previous year.

842. There were only 3 major and 10 minor accidents. Compensation paid during the year was Rs. 3,823 as against Rs. 700 in the previous year.

843. The capital investment by Government at the end of the year was Rs. 21,42,229 (Rs. 25,41,640). The gross earnings realised during the year was Rs. 42,60,274 (Rs. 37,40,699).

844. There was also considerable fall under expenditure during the year. The total working expenses including depreciation was Rs. 34,02,436 (Rs. 37,14,971). The net revenue realised during the year was Rs. 8,57,838. The net return on capital was 36·7 per cent as compared to 1·59 per cent in the previous year.

845. A committee called Mysore Government Road Transport Department Advisory Council with the Minister for Home and Industries as Chairman and three non-officials as members and the General Manager as the *Ex-officio* Secretary has also been constituted for the purpose of securing greater facilities to public by efficient management of the department.

846. The following two concessions were shown to the travelling public :—

(1) The low paid non-gazetted staff of the Government were issued with season passes collecting only 1 1/4 fare for both ways and

(2) Special buses were spared to educational institutions charging only Rs. 1-4-0 per running mile uniform as against usual charges of Rs. 2 and Rs. 1-8-0 for long and short wheel base buses, respectively.

847. The department is having booking offices at important centres like Tumkur, Kolar, Kolar Gold Fields, Nanjangud, Gundlupet, Chitaldrug, Bangalore, Bellur and a depot office at Mysore to facilitate the travelling public in getting their seats reserved in advance.